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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0002

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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STATE FOR SSM FOR KONTOS AND THORNE

CAIRO FOR GETTIER AND GERRY JOHN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IS

SUBJECT NEED FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO SUPPORT SFM

1. AS ACTIVITY INCREASES SURROUNDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE SFM, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT A LIGHT AIRCRAFT IS NEEDED. THIS AIRCRAFT WOULD PRIMARILY SUPPORT LIAISON ACTIVITY OF THE SFM DIRECTOR AND KEY PERSONNEL BETWEEN THE BASE SITE, TEL AVIV, CAIRO AND ISMAILIA, AND AT A MINIMUM WOULD BE REQUIRED THROUGH 15 MARCH. THEREAFTER, NEED SHOULD BE REVALUATED IN LIGHT OF SFM DIRECTORS ON SITE RECOMMENDATION. THE NEED IS ACUTE DUE TO THE INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND THE UNACCEPTABLE ABSENCE OF THESE PERSONNEL FROM THE SITE.

2. THE DRIVING TIME BETWEEN THE SITE AND TEL AVIV IS FIVE (5) HOURS; BETWEEN THE SITE AND ISMAILIA ONE AND A HALF (1 1/2) HOURS; AND BETWEEN SITE AND CAIRO FIVE (5) HOURS. TIMES TO ISMAILIA AND CAIRO SUBJECT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO FURTHER INCREASE DUE TO UNPREDICABLE DELAYS IN

CROSSING SUEZ CANAL.

3. IN ADDITION, ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, RAPID SUPPLY
SUPPORT THROUGH AIRCRAFT ON CALL WOULD HAVE EXPEDITED
CAMP CONSTRUCTION OR ENHANCED LIVING CONDITIONS.

4. A FINAL ADVANTAGE IS THAT AIRCRAFT ON CALL WOULD
PROVIDE MEDEVAC BACKUP TO IDF CAPABILITY.

5. SPECIFICALLY RECOMMEND THAT CONTRACT BE MODIFIED
TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR CHARTERING OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT
UPON NEED, WHICH WOULD CARRY FOUR (4) PAX INCLUDING
PILOT AND 300 POUNDS CARGO.

6. INASMUCH AS WE ARE TALKING OF ISRAELI CHARTERED
AIRCRAFT, WHICH WOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR USE TO AND
FROM ISRAEL, DETERMINATION OF COST AND AVAILABILITY
SHOULD ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN IN CAIRO.

7. LAYNE/JOHN/LARSEN CONCUR IN THIS AND WILL PROCEED
WITH THE SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE COST
UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.
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